

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of L.M.T.N., L.H.N., L.E.N., and
L.L.N., Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

UNPUBLISHED
April 15, 2003

v

LOUIS HERMAN NELSON III,

Respondent-Appellant.

No. 242255
Macomb Circuit Court
Family Division
LC No. 00-049314-NA

and

LAURA ANN STUEHMER-NELSON,

Respondent.

Before: Jansen, P.J., and Kelly and Fort Hood, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the circuit court order terminating his parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (g), and (j). We affirm. This appeal is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E)(1)(b).

The circuit court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). In the nearly two years respondent-appellant's children were in care, he was unable to improve his parenting skills and could not maintain control or effectively parent during visitations. Furthermore, given the prior sexually assaultive behavior of the two

oldest children, respondent-appellant's living arrangement was not suitable to adequately ensure the safety of all four children. Thus, the circuit court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the children.

Affirmed.

/s/ Kathleen Jansen

/s/ Kirsten Frank Kelly

/s/ Karen M. Fort Hood